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SUBJECT: US ASSISTANCE TO CAMBODIA

1. A SERIES OF NEWSPAPER ARTICLES HAVE RECENTLY APPEARED REGARDING CAMBODIA'S NEED FOR MORE AID. SOME QUOTE KHMER MINISTER OF INFORMATION AS ASKING FOR A MILLION A DAY MORE MILITARY AID. OTHERS STATE THAT AN AMERICAN EMBASSY OFFICER HAS DECLARED CAMBODIA'S NEED FOR MORE ASSISTANCE AND HAS CITED THE FACT THAT THE ADMINISTRATION HAS REQUESTED 170 MILLION DOLLARS FROM CONGRESS FOR MILITARY AID TO CAMBODIA IN FY 74.

2. THE DEPARTMENT HAS SINCE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF TELEPHONE CALLS FROM MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE REGARDING THE ALLEGED REMARKS BY AN EMBASSY OFFICER AND PARTICULARLY OBJECTING TO THE DISCUSSIONS OF SPECIFIC FIGURES REQUESTED BEFORE THESE HAVE EVEN BEEN DISCUSSED BY THE HOUSE.

3. IN VIEW OF THE FOREGOING, WE WOULD URGE INCREASED DISCRETION IN ANY DISCUSSION OF CAMBODIAN NEEDS AND
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